

Layla Tov Live! Children books live show *Elective Session*

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SUMMARY:	Creative and fun ways to use children stories in enchanting theatrical methods, for a guarantee of sweet (Jewish) dreams.
TOPIC(S):	Bedtime Ritual, Community Building.
LEARNING OBJECTIVE:	Introduction to use of children books in creative ways.
AUDIENCE:	Age: 6 and up, 12-40 participants
TIMING:	75 Minutes
APPENDICES:	<p>The books: (One of each)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Where the wild things are by Maurice Sendak 2. Soul Bird by Michal Snunit 3. The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein 4. The Book With No Pictures by BJ Novak 5. The very hungry caterpillar <p>Book Activity cards handout #1 (please print 1 of each) Handout #2 (Please print 6 copies) Handout#3 - https://avikatzorlow.files.wordpress.com/2014/01/making-mensches-periodic-table.pdf (Please print 7 copies) Jamboard: https://jamboard.google.com/d/1E8n7kHbQNOHgU_sqD9OQ_o_CdrnUDCgORrVv_G7q2Jg/edit?usp=sharing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book Lists: https://docs.google.com/document/d/14Fkx3aLAQBsbZka0VxPbpmb-YAbb65YOhPvnN4KXJk4/edit • https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1n_v8uP7GbxVgcsO3ScCNp68pEnUcKtW8nBeBQCexSjU/edit#gid=0
MATERIALS NEEDED:	Costumes (Hats, ties, bow ties, vests, dresses, fabrics, accessories etc.) , Go Pro camera, white sheets, projector + screen + sound system. laptop, connected to the projector.
SET-UP DETAILS:	Large room/Auditorium/ Theater

SESSION TIMELINE & OUTLINE:

Warm up (10 min):

The facilitator will begin the session with a warm up using both physical and vocal games to get everybody comfortable.

The facilitator will split the participants for 5 different groups, seated in different areas in smaller circles:

1.	Improvisation	Up to 4 participants	Ties/ bow ties/ vests
2.	TV commercial	Up to 4 participants	Go Pro Camera/ costumes
3.	Musical	Up to 6 participants	Can use musical instruments/ iPods / costumes
4.	Dance theater	Up to 10 participants	Can use music + white sheets
5.	Cabaret	Up to 6 participants	Funny hats/ costumes

Activity 1 (15 min) - Story and values:

Each group will get their Book Activity Card, a book as mentioned on the card and a list of Jewish values (Handout 3).

The facilitator will ask the teams to read the book they got together.

When they are done reading the book they should choose 2-3 Jewish values they think the story holds.

The facilitator will place a table of Jewish values in the center of the room, and will ask each group to mark/take the values off the list if they choose to use them. Once a value is chosen by a group - it can not be used by another group.

Activity 2 - Staging (30 min)

The facilitator will start by quoting Andy Warhol: "Art is what you can get away with", then ask the group to be respectful and appropriate with their acts and creations.

The facilitator will continue with explanations:

****The groups will have 30 min to come up with a short scene as instructed on the Book Cards. (Group 1 should be given the moderating words to practice as well - last page of handout 1)***

****The materials will be given to the groups as soon as they start.***

****The rehearsals can be held indoors or outside if the group needs space.***

****The groups must follow instructions on the book cards and they have to address the Jewish value they chose somehow in their act.***

The facilitator should be able to see, walk around and supervise the groups as they work.

Activity 3- The show (25 min)

The hosts of the show will be group 1, who were asked to create 4 short acts.

The facilitator will explain that:

Each group has received one story and have created one act, but it will be a part of a bigger picture, and we are going to combine the 5 stories to a greater, bigger, mind blowing, spectacular show, that has never been seen before!

The rules for this spectacle to work:

- 1. Rehearsal time is over. As soon as the show starts, we respect our friends and watch their creative creation.***
- 2. We respect our friends by applauding after each presentation. When it is our turn to perform, our friends will applaud for us***
- 3. "Art is what you can get away with" please be appropriate.***
- 4. Enjoy the show...***

The groups will be seated around a performance area, and led by the hosts, group by group, they will go on stage to show their act and off stage, back to their seats, once they are done.

1. The giving tree- See Avot on the four types of people and Adam Gratin on Givers and takers
2. Very Hungry Caterpillar – This like the black swan is a story of Transformation – See Yaakov's transition into Yisrael
2. The soul bird http://www.zemirotdatabase.org/view_song.php?id=15 Just as there is soul there is a mishkan in everyone
4. The book with no pictures - Check out this article- <https://harova.org/torah/view.asp?id=1943> Is the torah itself a Poem without pictures
5. And that kid is me

Closing discussion: (10 min)

- How did you feel
- Which story did you like the most?
- What will be your children books playlist?

ADDITIONAL NOTES FOR BRINGING IT BACK TO CAMP:

You can lead this program with your choice of Children books, I have selected books by Jewish or Israeli authors.

The show can be an introduction to the bed time stories you will read the campers every night this summer.